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Report of the 2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters on 15 November 2006.

2. The Conference was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

3. The Conference was attended by representatives of the Governments of the following States: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cape Verde, China, Croatia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

4. Representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations and the specialized and related agencies also attended the Conference: United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Population Fund, World Food Programme, United Nations Human Settlement Programme, United Nations Institute for Training and Research and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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C. Election of officers

5. At its meeting on 15 November, the Conference was informed that the Bureau of the 2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will also serve as the Bureau of the 2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme, as follows:

President:

Rezlan Ishar Jenie, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations

Vice-Presidents:

Kaire Mbuende, Namibia (Group of African States)

Ivan Piperkov, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations

D. Documentation

6. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Draft report (A/CONF.209/2006/L.1);

(b) Background note on the World Food Programme.

E. Announcement of pledges

7. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to one or more programmes and funds and took note of the fact that, while several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions, they had proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.